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PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Nobuyuki SUDA

Appln. No.: 09/972,942

Group Art Unit: 1732

Confirmation No.: 4815

Examiner: Mark Eashoo, Ph.D.

Filed: October 10, 2001

For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR COATING BELT CORD WITH RUBBER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003, Applicant hereby elects, *without traverse*, the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I, i.e., claims 1-3 drawn to a process of coating a belt cord with rubber.

An examination on the merits of the elected group in due course is respectfully solicited. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected group.

Please charge any fees due to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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